

West Bloomfield School District

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Mathematics Informational Night for Elementary Parents

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Dear Elementary Parents,

The West Bloomfield School District Board of Education approved the adoption of Math Learning Centers' *Bridges in Mathematics Program, 2nd Edition* with *Number Corner* last spring as an instructional resource. West Bloomfield piloted *Bridges* during the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years. Additionally, teachers took part in professional development in June and August and are using these resources for their core math instruction this school year. Many thanks go out to our teacher leaders who were involved in the hard work culminating in this successful adoption and initial implementation.

Bridges in Mathematics is a comprehensive K-5 math program aligned to the Michigan State Standards for Mathematics in a way that is rigorous, engaging, and meets the needs of all learners. These instructional materials focus on developing students' deep conceptual and procedural understandings of mathematics and ability to solve complex and non-routine math problems. The *Bridges'* instructional model blends direct instruction, structured investigation, open exploration, and flexible grouping opportunities, which enhance personal learning for all students.

Number Corner is the skill-building component of *Bridges* focused on a set of daily math routines that provide sustained work with broader mathematical concepts such as number and operation sense, computational fluency, problems solving, and data collection and analysis during 15-20 minutes of full-group guided instruction.

Parents can gain an overview understanding of *Bridges* and *Number Corner* at <http://www.mathlearningcenter.org/>. Math Learning Center has an informational page for parents called *Supports for Families* @ <http://www.mathlearningcenter.org/support/bridges>. Some sample resources found there include:

- *Family Orientation Letter*
- *Frequently Asked Questions*
- *Grade Level Welcome Letters and Parent Unit Overview Letters*
- *Web-based Math Games, Virtual Math Manipulatives and Books for each grade level*

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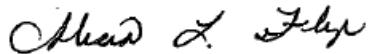


We have attached, for your convenience, a *K-5 Bridges' Family Orientation Letter* and *Frequently Asked Questions*.

West Bloomfield School District is offering a *Bridges in Mathematics* Parent Information meetings on **September 21, 2016 at West Bloomfield High School's iCenter from 6:00 - 6:45 PM for grades K-2 parents and 7:00- 7:45 PM for grades 3-5 parents.** This meeting will provide a brief overview of the structure of *Bridges in Mathematics*.

We look forward to seeing you! Please plan to join us.

Sincerely,



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